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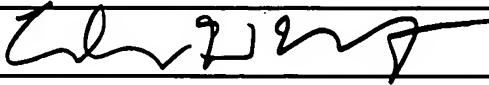
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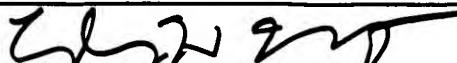
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Utility	300	150	500	250	200	100	_____
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Plant	200	100	300	150	160	80	_____
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2. EXCESS CLAIM FEES

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50	25
200	100

Multiple dependent claims	Small Entity Fee (\$)
360	180

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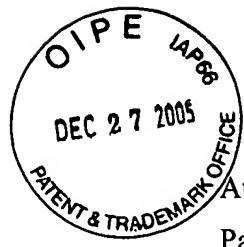
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Lawrence Yium-Chee Chiu, et al.

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Dear Sir:

This paper responds to the Office Action dated September 21, 2005, the response being due on or before December 21, 2005. Please amend the above-captioned patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2.

Applicants' Remarks begin on page 4.